



Weekly Information & Communication



February 22, 2016

WIC Conference and Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative

The [registration](#) for the WIC Conference and the Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative has opened. In order for as many local WIC program staff possible to attend we will be using the attached [application](#) to assess our funding availability. The lead local agency must submit the application for everyone planning to attend requesting the funds (one application per region) by this Friday, February 26th. This date is fast approaching. We will review the requests and let you know who has been approved for the funding soon thereafter. Please note that sending in this funding request does not register you for the conference, you must do that with the link above.

Applications for the alternate funding have not been received from Broadwater, Dawson, Northwest Community Health Center, Sanders, Sheridan, Valley (Francis Mahon Deaconess Hosp.), Northern Cheyenne, Crow, and Rocky Boy.

Room reservations can be made at the Fairmont Resort under the “Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative” (do not use “Baby Friendly”). Make your reservations soon as we will also have participants from outside of WIC who may want to book rooms and space is limited. The hotel will tell you that they will charge the first night to your credit card. If you cancel your room 72 hours or more before your arrival date it will be returned to you. Call 1-800-332-3272 or 406-797-3241.

Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program Conference Call

The next BPCP conference call will be Thursday, February 25, 2016. It is scheduled for 9:00am to 10:00am. The call-in number will be 1-866-910-4857 (code 768324). The [agenda](#) is available.

Verifying Income

Since there is now a workaround for verifying income with one frequency, we created some [flow charts](#) to help you decide how to enter the income and whether to use SPIRIT or the IEG (Income Eligibility Guidelines) table. Please contact Leah or Kelly with questions.

Annual FRESH! Food Forum

The sixth annual FRESH! Food Forum will be held at the Great Falls College campus on March 12, 2016. Events are planned for kids and adults. It will be from 8:30 to 3:00 with a variety of topics on growing your own food. You can post the [flyer](#) that has more information.

Missoula WIC Job Opening

See Posting for a Registered Dietitian [job](#) opening in Missoula.

Weekly Risk Code Highlight

[Risk Code 382](#) Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is based on the presence of retarded growth, a pattern of facial abnormalities and abnormalities of the central nervous system, including mental retardation.

Presence of condition diagnosed, documented, or reported by a physician or someone working under a physician's orders, or as self-reported by application/participant/caregiver.

Motivational Interviewing Webinar

The attached [flyer](#) lists two up-coming, free webinars on *Motivational Interviewing*.

Registration information is included. You may submit a request for WIC CEU credits if you complete this training.

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